



2016 JUNE CALENDAR

BLACKSTONE RIVER & CANAL HERITAGE STATE PARK

River Bend Farm Visitor Center is located at 287 Oak Street Uxbridge MA 01569

Following the Plough exhibit upper level open daily from 10:00-4:00.

Visitor Services Supervisor: Kathryn Park Phone Number: 508-278-7604

All programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. For more information please call the park or online at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-central/blackstone-river-and-canal-heritage-state-park.html>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Kidleidoscope Nature Story Hour 10:30 - 11:30	4
5 Hike to Goat Hill Lock 10-11:30 Watching Wildlife 12-12:30	6	7	8	9	10 Kidleidoscope Nature Story Hour 10:30 - 11:30	11
12 Name that Skull 10-10:30 Canal Towpath Walk 1:00-2:00	13	14	15	16	17 Nature Story Hour with Metacomet Land Trust <i>Totally</i> <i>Turtles</i> 10:30 - 11:30	18 Hike to Lookout Rock 9:00-11:00 Explore the Pond 12:00-1:00
19 Name that Track 10-10:30 Canal Towpath Walk 1:00-2:00	20	21	22	23	24 Kidleidoscope Nature Story Hour 10:30 - 11:30 Insect Safari 12:00-1:00	25 Firefly Gazing 8:30-9:30pm



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26 Concert at the Canal 3:30-5:00 BV Community Concert Band	27	28	29	30		
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RIVER BEND FARM VISITORS CENTER

<i>Following the Plough Exhibit</i> at River Bend Farm Visitors Center	The Visitors' Center is open from 10 – 4 daily. Our exhibit “Following the Plough” explores the story of the Blackstone Valley and its communities from pre-European settlement through European style agricultural development, industrialization, and into today. Guided tours for groups with advance notice. Free Admission. Accessible.
Healthy Heart Towpath Walk	Staying active is a healthy life choice and what better place than in a beautiful state park. Portions of the Blackstone Canal towpath are designated as an easy 1 mile Healthy Heart Hike. Pick up a self-guided towpath brochure in the visitor center and get out often for this enjoyable walk that offers diverse scenery.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Canal Towpath Walk	This easy walk meets at River Bend Farm Visitor Center and continues along the historic Blackstone Canal flat towpath. Hear stories of the canal's past, and view some interesting local wildlife. This guided walk is appropriate for all ages, 2 mile round trip.
Explore the Pond	Dip nets in the canal pond to investigate underwater life. Learn about water quality and life cycles. Learn how to keep water healthy as we look and listen to life around the pond.
Firefly Gazing	Learn about these amazing insects and join in on this traditional summer night activity as we search for fireflies around River Bend Farm. Meet at the visitor center to take a guided walk to observe lightning bugs. Bring your own flashlight, suggested long sleeves and pants for protection from mosquitoes.
Hike to Goat Hill Lock	This hike uncovers some interesting stories in stone and follows the changes in the landscape along the Blackstone Canal, stone arch bridges, an early stone quarry site and preserved remnants of a canal lock. Moderate hike up Goat Hill with roots and rocks along the path, approx. 2 miles. Meet at Visitor Center.



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Hike to Lookout Rock	Learn the trails that lead to a rewarding view of the Blackstone River snaking through the valley and Rice City Pond. Take in the varied landscape as we hike just under 3 miles round trip. Sturdy shoes, binoculars, water and snack for a short break at the lookout recommended. Meet at 366 East Hartford Ave, Uxbridge, Rice City Pond parking area at 9am.
Insect Safari	Learn how to identify an insect, then go on a catch and release bug hunt! Nets and bug jars available for use during program, or feel free to bring your own.
Kidleidoscope Nature Story Hour	Join us at the Visitor Center for a morning story and activity hour program designed to connect young children to nature. Stop by for a nature story and outdoor activity followed by craft. Children must be accompanied by adult. Meets rain or shine, May- October.
Name That Skull	Discover adaptations that help an animal survive. Compare teeth, jaw, and eye placement to discover distinctive characteristics. Can you name that skull?
Name That Track	Can you identify wildlife by the footprints left behind? Stop by the activity table in the Visitor Center and give it a try!
Watching Wildlife	Discover tracks, scat and signs that wildlife leaves behind; learn what wild things live at the park and what to look for before you head out on the trail.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Concert at the Canal June 26 3:30-5:00	Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band will be performing at this outdoor concert. Bring your own picnic, lawn chairs or blanket; free parking and admission.
Metacomet Land Trust Story Hour	Metacomet Land trust will be our guest at story hour the third Friday of every month! This month is Totally Turtles- hear turtle stories, go on a turtle count walk and make a turtle tambourine craft. Meet at Visitor Center.